

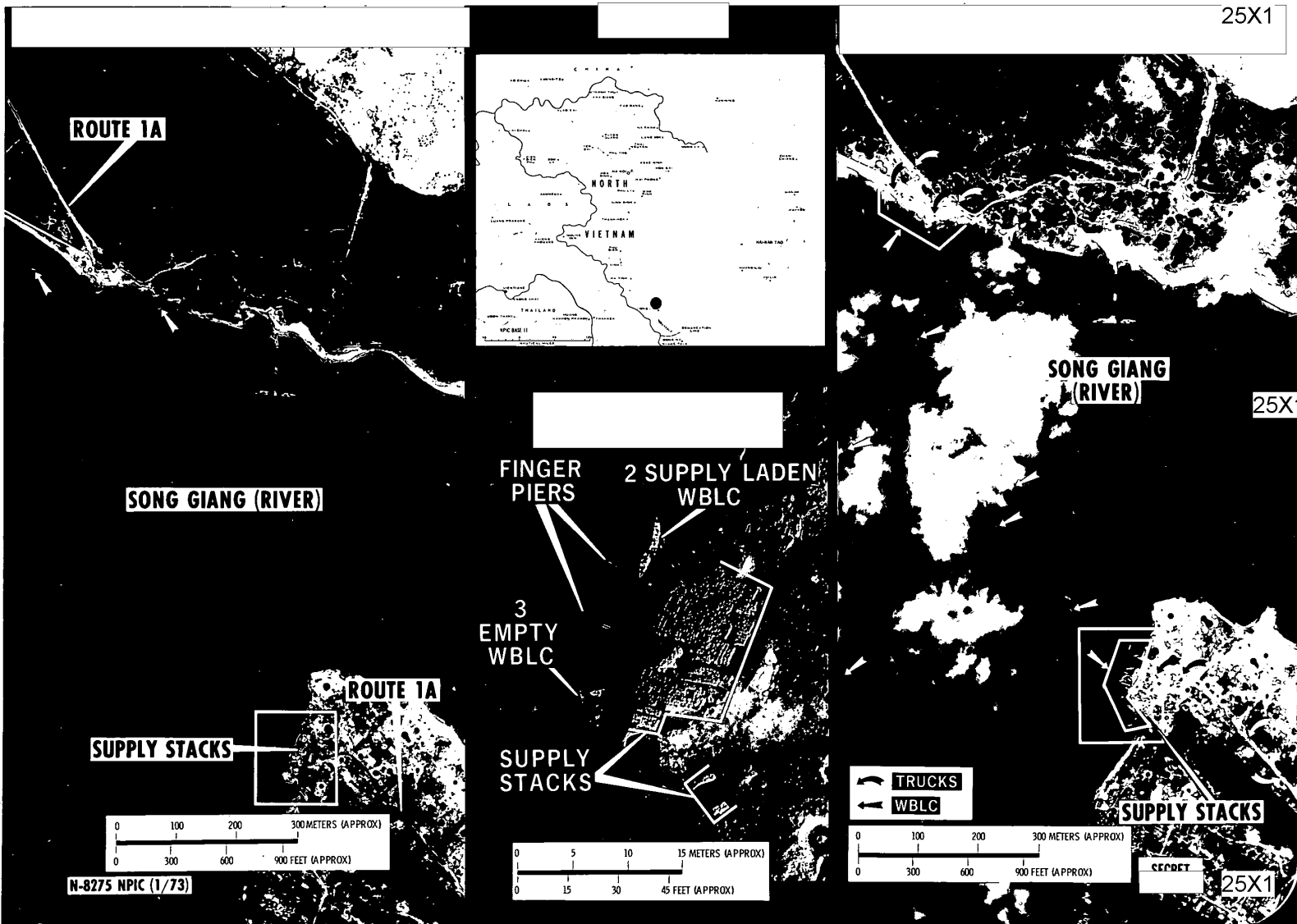
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INCREASED LOGISTICS ACTIVITY QUANG KHE COASTAL TRANSSHIPMENT POINT, NORTH VIETNAM 17-42N 106-29E

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ANTICIPATED THE SHORT CHRISTMAS DAY BOMBING HALT/REDUCTION AND TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT TO MOVE SUPPLIES SOUTHWARD.

2. LOCATION: THE QUANG KHE COASTAL TRANSSHIPMENT POINT  IS AT 17-42-00N 106-29-00E ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH BANKS OF THE SONG GIANG (RIVER) AT QUANG KHE, 17 NM NORTHWEST OF DONG HOI.

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3. BACKGROUND: SINCE 1965 THE DEGREE OF LOGISTIC ACTIVITY AT THE QUANG KHE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT HAS BEEN IN PROPORTION TO THE US BOMBING POLICY OVER NORTH VIETNAM. DURING PERIODS OF DIMINISHED ATTACKS OR HALTS IN THE BOMBING, QUANG KHE HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE LINK IN THE PANHANDLE LOGISTIC NET.

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4. MISSION READOUT: ONLY SLIGHT LOGISTIC ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED ON

[REDACTED] FOUR EMPTY WATERBORNE
LOGISTIC CRAFT (WBLC) WERE NEAR THE ROUTE 1A CROSSING POINT ON THE NORTH
BANK OF THE RIVER. A SMALL STACK OF SUPPLIES WAS IN THE SOUTH BANK AREA
OF THE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT.

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LOW-ALTITUDE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] SHOWED THAT TWO SMALL
FINGER PIERS HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON THE SOUTH BANK, AND THAT LARGE
STACKS OF SUPPLIES WERE ON THE BANK ADJACENT TO THE PIERS. THREE EMPTY
WBLC AND TWO SUPPLY LADEN WBLC WERE IN THE VICINITY OF THE PIERS.

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GIANT SCALE PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE AREA CHRISTMAS DAY SHOWED EIGHT CARGO
TRUCKS AND 14 WBLC AT THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER TRANSFERRING SUPPLIES
AT THE ROUTE 1A CROSSING. ON THE SOUTH BANK AT LEAST 23 CARGO TRUCKS,
12 WBLC AND DWINDLING STACKS OF SUPPLIES (AS COMPARED TO SUPPLY STACKS
ON [REDACTED] WERE OBSERVED. SIX WBLC WERE IN THE RIVER BETWEEN THE
TWO POINTS OF ACTIVITY. TWENTY-FOUR CARGO TRUCKS WERE OBSERVED ON ROUTE
1A WITHIN 3 NM NORTH OF THE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT -- EMPTY TRUCKS HEADED
NORTH AND LOADED TRUCKS SOUTH. TWENTY-FIVE CARGO TRUCKS WERE OBSERVED
WITHIN 5 NM OF THE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT ON ROUTE 1A SOUTH OF QUANG KHE.

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NOTE: A FIELD REPORT OF PHOTOGRAPHY FLOWN [REDACTED] REPORTED
NO ACTIVITY AT THE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT ON THAT DATE.

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